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SUBJ: SIMON DIMONT/ROBERT KONIKOFF

REF: LONDON A-944 AND BOYLE/BAUER TELECON 7/12/73;

OEC/CD INVESTIGATIVE CASE 11(73)-33.

1. KONIKOFF STATED TO OEC/CD INVESTIGATOR HE WAS TOLD BY DIMONT, WITH WHOM HE HAS HAD TRADE RELATIONS SINCE MAY 1971, THAT ALL EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR WEST GERMANY AND/OR WEST BERLIN. WHEN INFORMED DURING QUESTIONING THAT GOODS TO BE SOLD TO USSE KONIKOFF BECAME HIGHLY EMOTIONAL AND UPSET AND LOOSED TIRADE AGAINST DIMONT. KONIKOFF STATED HE LOYAL CITIZEN AND WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO ILLEGAL DEALINGS ETC. CLAIMS PART OF DOWN PAYMENTS MADE TO SUPPLIERS HIS FUNDS WHICH HE STANDS TO LOSE ACCOUNT OF PENALTY CLAUSES IN PURCHASE ORDERS. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SUPPLIERS, E.G., WAKTINS-JOHNSON, H/P, TEKTRONIX AND OTHERS NOT TO CONSUMMATE SALES TO KONIKOFF.

2. KONIKOFF WAS QUESTIONED HOW HE INTENDED TO EXPORT EQUIPMENT

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HE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN (TOTAL APPROXIMATE VALUE EXCESS \$200,000).

STATED WAS TO BE STORED HIS GARAGE AND DIMONT TO COME TO U.S.
AND ARRANGE FOR EXPORT.

3. KONIKOFF VAGUE REGARDS SHIPMENTS ALREADY MADE TO DIMONT.
SAID WRE JUST SMALL ITEMS SENT THROUGH MAILS.

4. EMBASSY ATTEMPT OBTAIN SWORN STATEMENT FROM DIMONT
DETAILING HIS PURCHASE REQUESTS TO KONIKOFF, HIS VERSION OF
WHAT EXACTLY HE TOLD KONIKOFF AS TO ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF
GOODS, FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AND HOW WERE GOODS TO BE EXPORTED
FROM U.S. AND REEXPORTED FROM U.K. MANNER OF EXPORT FROM U.S.
SIGNIFICANT SINCE KONIKOFF WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWLEDGEABLE EXPORT
PROCESURES AND IT DOUBTFUL DIMONT ACTUALLY BELIEVED HE (DIMONT)
COULD OBTAIN EXPORT LICENSES. ADDITION TO STATEMENT OBTAIN
COPIES OR ORIGINALS OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION/CORRESPONDENCE
PERTAINING DIMONT/KONIKOFF TRANSACTIONS INCLUDING NOTES ON
TELECONS BETWEEN THEM AND DATA REGARDS EQUIPMENT RECEIVED
PREVIOUSLY FROM KONIKOFF.

5. SUGGEST IF DIMONT UNWILLING COOPERATE REMIND HIM HIS
OVERALL SITUATION VIS A VIS OEC NOT LIKELY TO
IMPROVE. ROGERS

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